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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Curriculum and Instruction Supervisors and IT and Educational Technology Directors
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Register By: February 9, 2018

Future Ready Schools–NJ Certification Summits and Digital Learning Day

Future Ready Schools–New Jersey (FRS-NJ) will hold three regional Certification Summits coinciding with Digital Learning Day to launch the opening of the 2018 program certification cycle. The goal of this event is to provide interested educators and educational leaders with the information, guidance and support to begin the process of becoming a Future Ready school.

FRS-NJ is a certification program designed to promote digital-learning readiness in schools throughout New Jersey. It provides resources to help districts promote the skills and capacities essential for students' success after graduation. The program, modeled after the national [Future Ready Schools framework](#), is a partnership of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA), and the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT).

FRS-NJ 2018 Timeline and Regional Certification Summits

- **February 22, 2018:** Opening of 2018 Certification Cycle and Digital Learning Day
 - Add your Digital Learning Day event on the Alliance for Excellent Education's [website](#).
- **Regional Certification Summits – [Register online](#)** by February 9 for any of the three summits:
 - North Regional Certification Summit
 - Date: February 22, 2018
 - Location: New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ 07102
 - Central Regional Certification Summit
 - Date: February 26, 2018
 - Location: Middletown Township Public Schools at Bayshore Avenue Middle School (a 2017 FRS–NJ certified school), 834 Leonardville Road, Leonardo, NJ 07737
 - South Regional Certification Summit
 - Date: February 27, 2018
 - Location: Educational Technology and Training Center (ETTC) at Richard Stockton University, Parkway Building, 10 West Jimmie Leeds Road, Galloway, NJ 08205
- **June 30, 2018:** Final deadline for certification submission.
- **September 15, 2018:** Schools notified of certification status.
- **October 2018:** Awards Ceremony at the Workshop 2018 education conference in Atlantic City.

Background

At the Workshop 2017 conference in Atlantic City in October, the [FRS-NJ](#) program certified the inaugural cohort of 63 schools from 20 districts throughout New Jersey. The program is now preparing for the 2018 certification cycle and continues to work with the existing FRS-NJ community to improve the program to help educators and schools better prepare students for success and for citizenship in the digital age.

FRS-NJ task forces are preparing to meet in early January to continue their efforts on behalf of fellow educators, leaders and stakeholders.

Contact Information

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